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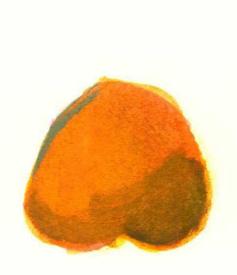




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Provost Kantardjieff

Provost Katherine Kantardjieff reflects on her time in the CSUs before retirement.

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"Tears of the Kingdom" might just be the best "Legend of Zelda" game to date.





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CSUMB Capstone Festival 2023

Story by Maxwelle Tartaglia

Every Spring and Fall semester, California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) holds a Capstone Festival to celebrate culminating projects of graduating seniors, credential candidates and master's students from all academic programs.

Capstone projects are meant to reflect and present the knowledge, skills, and abilities developed over the course of a student's learning experience at CSUMB.

The Spring 2023 Capstone Festival will run from May 16 - 19.

The College of Arts, Humanities, and **Social Sciences**

Department of Cinematic Arts & Technology

Friday, May 19 6 - 9:30 p.m. (Doors Open at 5:30 pm) World Theater (Building 28)

School of Humanities and Communication

Wednesday, May 17

1 - 3 p.m.

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Building

Rooms 504-1401 (with posters in 1101, 1002, and 1103)

Department of Music and Performing Arts

Wednesday, May 17 Noon - 1:15 p.m. Music Hall (Building 30)

Thursday, May 18

Room 100 School of Social, Behavioral Studies

9 a.m. - noon World Theater (Building 28)

Global Studies

Thursday, May 18 2 - 3:50 p.m.



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College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Building Rooms 504-1301

Department of Visual and Public Art

Friday, May 19 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. VPA Complex (Buildings 70-73)

School of World Languages and Cultures

Friday, May 19, 2023 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Building

Room 504 - 1401

The presentation event will also be streamed on Zoom and Facebook Live.

The College of Business

Thursday, May 18

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Business Information and Technology Building

Instructors: Dr. Joel Ryman and Dr. Angel Gonzalez Thursday, May 18

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Business Information and Technology Building

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The College of Education

Liberal Studies

Thursday, May 18

Noon University Center (Building 29)

Human Development and Family Science

Friday, May 19

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The College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Health, Human Services, and Public Policy

Friday, May 19 9 a.m. - 2:05 p.m. Ocean Hall Suite B

Friday, May 19 9 a.m. - 2:05 p.m. Ocean Hall Suite C

Nursing

Thursday, May 16 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Ocean Hall Suite C

The College of Science

Agricultural Plant and Soil Science

Thursday, May 16 3 p.m.

Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library Room 1180

Department of Biology & Chemistry

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1 p.m.

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Friday, May 19 9 a.m. - noon

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Communication Design

Friday, May 19

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Business and Informational Technology Building Room 104

Computer Science

Friday May 19

Noon - 2 p.m.

Business and Informational Technology Building

Marine Science

Friday May 19, 2023

9 a.m. - noon Otter Student Union Ballroom

Mathematics and Statistics

Friday May 19, 2023

Noon - 2 p.m. Chapman Science Center S222

2023 CSUMB Commencement

Story by Maxwelle Tartaglia

California State University Monterey Bay's annual commencement ceremony will be held Sunday, May 21 for the graduating Class of 2023. The ceremonies will be held at Salinas Sports Complex.

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Rabobank Stadium

Main Ceremony (All Colleges)

Time: 11:30 a.m. Location: Rodeo Arena

College of Business | College of Health Sciences and

Human Services Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Rabobank Stadium

College of Education | College of Science

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Graduate Arrival Location: Rodeo Arena

Commencement day has been broken down into three parts. It will begin with

the all-otter commencement ceremony, then the three convocation ceremonies divided by colleges, and the commencement festival.

The Commencement Ceremony will begin at Rodeo Arena at 11:30 a.m.

This year's commencement ceremony will also include a Commencement Festival for all attendees. The Commencement Festival will include food and beverages, photo opportunities, gifts, entertainment and a commemorative electronic photo mosaic art project.

The Commencement Festival will take place at The Midway (in front of Rodeo Arena) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for Commencement 2023 are electronic. Each candidate was able to claim one graduate ticket and up to six tickets for guests. The ticket claim period was between 10 a.m. Monday, April 3 to noon Monday, April

Attendees are advised to expect heavy traffic and to arrive early and follow all directional signage and instructions from any parking service personnel.

Parking permits are NOT required for this year's Commencement. Parking at the Salinas Sports Complex and nearby parking lots will be free and on a first come first serve basis. Carpooling and biking are encouraged.

If a faculty member or staff plans on attending a parking permit WILL be required.

Attendees should allot themselves an extra 45 minutes to find parking due to the heavy traffic.

Graduates need to be at the Salinas Sports Complex, dressed in complete regalia, two hours prior to the start of their ceremony. There will be snacks and beverages provided. The Campus Store will also be on-hand for last-minute purchases. Graduates are highly advised to not buy gowns on the morning of Commencement

The commencement ceremonies are all held outdoors regardless of weather. Attendees should arrive prepared both for heat and inclement weather. All bags, jackets and blankets will be searched upon arrival.

The 2023 Commencement is mask friendly - meaning that attendees can choose whether or not to wear a mask. Any attendance at campus-sponsored events is considered an agreement to abide by all COVID-19 protocols.

For more information: Email: commencement@csumb.edu COVID-19 Protocols

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Saying goodbye to Provost Kantardjieff

Story by Andrea Valadez Photo by Arianna Nalbach

Provost Katherine Kantardjieff is entering retirement after 35 years as a part of the California State University system. She has been California State University, Monterey Bay's (CSUMB) provost since 2020.

"It's just been a weird three years because when I arrived it was the middle of the pandemic," explained Kantardjieff. While her time at CSUMB has been relatively short, the provost's history with the campus is rich.

"[My father] was stationed here at Fort Ord in the 50s and this was kind of his first home away from home. ... The army recruited him because of his language skills, and he was a translator for radio in Europe, so he was based here and he taught at the Army Language School," she explained.

Kantardjieff explained that she didn't always know she would be an educator and her 44 years as one started out differently than one might expect.

"When I finished college, my original goal was to be a veterinarian. I majored in chemistry because I love it and my father's sister was a chemist, but I wanted to work in a zoo," she explained.

"So an interesting blip on my resume was my last two years at college. I was a zookeeper, but quite by accident I fell into teaching," she shared.

Kantardjieff shared that during her three years teaching high school before attending graduate school, she discovered that "[teaching] was a love... and a talent that I didn't know I had. It's been all about the students all that time. So I will miss the students and I will miss the spirit of [CSUMB]."

Kantardjieff's time in the CSU system started at CSU Fullerton where she worked as a faculty member for 20 years. After that, she moved to CSU Pomona and chaired the chemistry department.

Then, Kantardjieff worked as the founding dean of the science and mathematics department at CSU San Marcos. These roles helped prepare Kantardjieff for the hard work that comes with being a provost.

"As a founding dean, I was tasked with actually building a brand new college. And that doesn't come along very often, but it meant that I had to really have good skill sets with the day-to-day administrative tasks and operations," she explained.

"But as a provost, I still need to be out in the community representing faculty and students in our academic programs. And so being able to do that well has also served me here in that once we started repopulating campus, I was able now to finally get out and become more involved in the community," shared Kantardjieff.

With the COVID-19 pandemic being an integral part of her time as provost, Kantardjieff said she "will remember the tremendous resiliency of the faculty and staff and the students to get through the pandemic.... we've come through a lot and we're gonna do more."

Kantardjieff's time as provost started out rocky, as the first week of classes was impacted by the wildfires of 2020.

"The Monday of classes we all had to figure out whether we had faculty in place to teach classes because many people had been evacuated. And we figured out that for about 5% of the classes, people couldn't teach because they'd been evacuated, but everybody else was ready to go. And so we went ahead and started the semester," said Kantardjieff.

The stressful times continued, as "four months into my being a new provost, the vice president for student affairs had to go on leave. President Ochoa called me and he said, 'this is an opportunity for you to really learn about the campus really fast.'

So I got appointed as the acting vice president for student affairs. So for five months out of my first year, I was wearing two VP hats. I would also say that's something else I learned about myself. Not only the resiliency, but how I am a lifelong learner," she shared.

Kantardjieff said one of the highlights she's taken away from her time in the CSU system is "related to student success and a lot of the creative and innovative things that I was allowed to do. When I moved from faculty to being a department chair and then a dean, the kinds of innovative teaching and learning as well as undergraduate research that I could enable people to do with students" was extremely rewarding for her.

As a scientist, Kantardjieff shared that she is "proud of leveraging technology to do not only interesting and fun things, but also to enhance learning."

Kantardjieff feels very passionately that CSUMB "has the potential to be very transformational, given where it is in its life cycle, if you will, but also where it's located and the region that we serve."

She continued, "Education is a great equalizer and an enabler, and it empowers people to do amazing things. And I think Monterey Bay is positioned to do that well and having a president who knows that kind of power or empowerment will just help the campus all the more."

To help get CSUMB to the next level, Kantardjieff has "put together several working groups tasked with exploring barriers to students in certain areas ... as well as how we can work to redevelop a sense of belonging and help improve people's mental health and wellness," she explained.

One of these task forces is called P.R.E.S.S. "Actually, the president came up with this acronym. We're both acronym queens. It [stands for] persistence, retention, engagement, satisfaction and success.

So it's very student focused and it's really about what we need to do to improve all of those things. So what are the barriers to students to persistence and retention? Well, we need to look at how we schedule classes. How do they overlap? Do we need to change the times of day?" explained Kantardjieff.

These task forces are also working on improving the paid internship and apprenticeship rates among CSUMB students.

According to Kantardjieff, another big goal is to increase mental health resources on campus.

The group looks for "ways that we can support that better or bring people together who are working on similar things in the spirit of continuous improvement," said Kantardjieff.

Kantardjieff said that she has full confidence in the interim provost, Dean Andrew Lawson from the college of science, but that he "will have some challenges."



"The provost has to worry about maintaining and sustaining academic quality. That means supporting the faculty and students, and that becomes even more challenging when you have resource challenges," she explained.

Kantardjieff said that while CSUMB's enrollment rate is down from the last few years, she is confident that the campus can get back on track.

"For the next year or two... [CSUMB] will need to be very strategic in how it allocates its resources," explained Kantardjieff.

Her time at CSUMB has provided Kantardjieff with many insights about herself that she may not have learned otherwise.

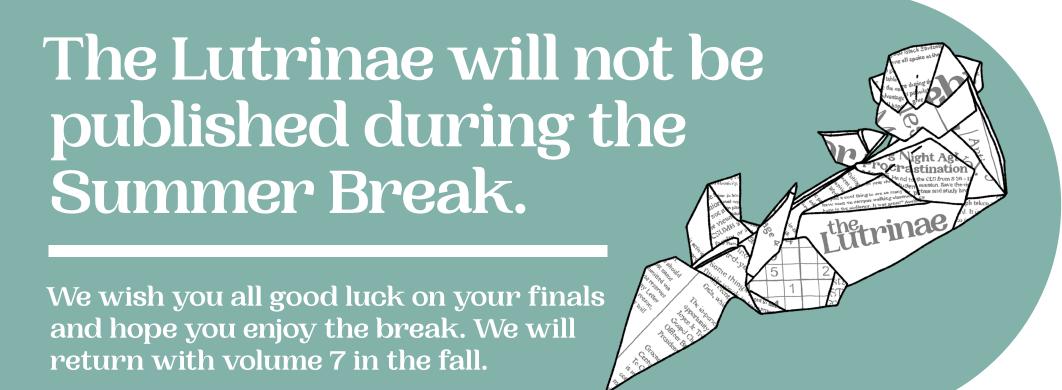
"I was more resilient than I thought I was... 10 years ago, I probably would've ended up in bed in the fetal position over some things," she joked. "But I was tougher and I was able to handle things better than I thought I would be able to."

Now that her time at CSUMB is coming to an end, Kantardjieff has decided to retire because she wants to "be able to take on that next chapter while I'm still healthy and can do it". She has many plans for how to fill her days.

"Over the years I have started writing and in various stages of completion, four books. Two are fiction and two are nonfiction... so I hope to get back to those and finish them," Kantardjieff said proudly.

As Kantardjieff reflected on her time at CSUMB, she said that "commencement for me is the best day of the year. It's hope and optimism. It's the reward for all that hard work, and you should feel really proud of that accomplishment."

Speaking to graduating students directly, Kantardjieff hopes "you have a strong sense of self and the courage of conviction to do the right thing when you get out in the world. To stand up for what you believe in, and be proud to be an Otter."



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Goodbye Lutrinae grads

Story by Helene Marie Kristensen

The Lutrinae bid a fond farewell to four of their staff as they graduate this semester: Editor-in-Chief Arianna (Arie) Nalbach, Production Manager and Webmaster Haley Graham, Assistant Editor Estrella McDaniel and Visual Editor Malia Savella.

Nalbach will be graduating California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) as a Communications Design major with a focus on visual design. She has been on the Lutrinae since 2019, when she first started as the assistant editor before she became the production manager and eventual editor-in-chief.

"You want me to pick just one?" Nalbach said when asked what her favorite memory from the Lutrinae is. "I don't know, I've got a lot of good memories. I like the Lutrinae. The escape room was fun, because it was a good bonding experience. The end was cool, because there was a hallway with lasers and you had to dodge the lasers. Sara (Gobets, former advisor of the Lutrinae) was sent to dodge the lasers and press the button at the end so we could win."

"There are a lot of articles I really like. 8-bit (the column) has been a big passion for me. The articles I've written that I think had the most impact would have been Chalkback, housing and I am also very proud of my interview with (Eduardo) Ochoa (former president of California State University Monterey Bay) when he retired."

Nalbach already has a job secured after she leaves CSUMB and the Lutrinae behind as a staff member for the Monterey Herald, but she hopes to do some freelance graphic design as well.

"My advice for new staff members would be just to have fun with what you're doing! Write about the things you're passionate about and don't be afraid to share your ideas," she said. "As an editor, it always makes me so happy to see writers take on something they're excited about and I think it shows in the final article when you like the topic you're writing about."

Graham is also a communication design major with a focus on visual design. She has been with the Lutrinae since Dall 2022.

"The first article I wrote was a spotlight on one of my best friends, Julia Bozzo. She was performing for Monte's Music in the Otter Student Union. It was awesome to get to see my friend perform live. I later won an award for that, which was third place best arts and entertainment story at the California College Media Association (CCMA) awards."

Her favorite article was the interview with the tap house, the Brass Tap in Marina. "It's an industry I'm interested in, meeting the owner and going behind the scenes at their ground breaking."

Graham has a job at the Media News NorCal Design Center as a page designer for various Northern California newspapers. Eventually she wants to "get a job at a brewery and become their marketing and social media manager."

As for advice to new and existing staff, Graham says to "find something you like and start a column about it."

McDaniel is a humanities and communications major with a concentration in journalism and media studies.

Haley Graham



McDaniel has been an assistant editor at the Lutrinae since January 2022 and one of her favorite memories was going to Long Beach for CCMAs.

"It was a lot better than this year's San Francisco trip," she said. "Going to the different workshops, getting to know Sara and Arie and getting to know them individually but also grow my own knowledge of journalism even though we couldn't be there for our awards."

Her favorite Lutrinae story? "I never went in-person, but I loved reading about the Werk Witch event. It made me feel like I was there. I loved the community, the fashion, and the runway."

For the future, McDaniel is moving across the country to New York to get a masters in journalism at Hofstra University in Long Island.

McDaniel advises incoming Lutrinae staff to "take everything you learn in. All of it is going to be useful. Have fun with it. We edit and can filter stuff out so have fun when you write. Don't be scared it has to be a certain way and limit yourself. Ask questions, don't wing it or try to figure it out by yourself, please ask. Dave (Kellogg), our advisor, is always open for questions."





Savella is graduating as a liberal studies major. "I have been part of the Lutrinae on and off since Fall 2019, so my whole undergraduate career! I am the visual editor so I mainly create illustrations, but I've also written and done photography for the Lutrinae."

Savella's favorite memory is also from the escape room with the volume 5 staff. "We finished really quickly according to one of the employees."

"I always love when we cover the Werk Witch drag shows. I've done it twice, and it's a lot of fun to write about and shoot photos for. I also like our articles on the Monterey poetry festival. I tend to be fond of event coverage."

For her future Savella is staying locally in Monterey. "I'm graduating with my teaching credential, so I will be teaching at an elementary school in Monterey in the fall."

As her advice for future and existing staff it would be to "try to find a way to integrate your passions into what you cover. Although I liked writing, I felt like I was doing my best work when creating illustrations and by advertising my art skills I was able to grow into the visual editor position. I've seen other staff step into really exciting roles and projects in that way. Worry less about your journalistic training and try to find fun ways to highlight the things you already love."

How Capstone has changed at CSUMB: Is it for better or worse?

Story by Estrella McDaniel

Over the years, the capstone festival has changed and been constructed in ways that have California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) students and professors questioning the future.

Capstone has always been a way for students to showcase what they've learned in their years of attending CSUMB in one project, which varies by major, and is presented at the capstone festival.

Some students and professors have noticed the lack of attention there is now for these capstone festivals and would want them to be a higher priority.

"When I first started working here 24 years ago and for many years afterward, the capstone festival was a widely attended university-wide event celebrated across the campus every semester, especially in the spring," said David Reichard, a professor of history and legal studies. "Faculty, staff, administrators and students would visit different majors' events." As the campus grew in enrollment there were capstone projects that had to be shifted in terms of what they looked like and how they were celebrated at the festivals.

"This scaling up challenged departments and CSUMB as a whole to sustain the models we had and the kinds of ways we celebrated student work. HCOM (humanities and communications), for example, had to adjust project formats and the festival itself to accommodate more students," said Reichard.

Along with this, professors haven't seen much presence of staff, faculty and families within these festivals.

"I want to see more of my colleagues and families come and I want it to be this weird mix of pressure and joy, I want them to be proud and want them to say hey these last four years I have worked my tail off and I want to show that my family's sacrifice was worthwhile," said Joel Ryman, the capstone director of business.

Some students also have some opinions on the changes in this circumstance and how it seems some majors get more attention than others. "I felt like the HCOM department alongside our dean not only let us down by not showing more support and attention to us HCOM students but it almost felt like a spit in the face the way that they shrugged us off," said fourth-year Octavio Valdovinos.

While the organizers of the capstone festivals haven't been the best at helping in the HCOM major, specifically capstone professors have been doing everything they can to support students.

"I think CSUMB is the one with the issue. I don't know if it's the president or dean but Professor Reichard is doing a great job in order to make sure all of our work is being shown," said fourth-year Ignacio Maravilla.

Overall, professors and students want support when it comes to capstone and the festival. It would be helpful if more staff and faculty showed up along with students who haven't taken the class yet, many say.

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Students organize to protest parking fees



Story by Andrea Valadez Photos by Max Guerrera (top two) and Oscar Daniel Jimenez Iniguiez (bottom two)

A group of around 40 students protested the price of parking on the California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus on May 8. Protesters marched around main campus and stopped at popular campus spots such as the Otter Student Union and dining commons to chant and pass out flyers with a QR code to a petition demanding for free parking for all students.

The protest was a research driven class project with data collected from a survey for students and staff.

"I want our school to respect its students and hear us out and actually take the time to actively listen to us. I want them to show more love and care to us because we are spending a lot of money to go to school here," said Kevin Nguyen, an organizer and fourth-year student.

"I've had a lot of issues paying for parking at the terminals [many are broken] and I've almost gotten cited for that many times, even though it's not my fault," shared Nguyen.

Nguyen and his fellow classmates in a psychology of liberation and healing course worked on collecting research and coming up with an action plan during a semester-long project to create social change. The students in this course quickly realized that parking accessibility and affordability is a huge problem that CSUMB students face.

"We're protesting where the money is going, because they raise over \$1.4 million in parking permits each year and that does not go back to the students," explained fourth-year Mikayla Castillo.

She continued, "We want them to know that we do not want to have to spend more money for them to build more parking structures, instead we want to utilize the empty spaces on campus. There's a bunch of empty lots that aren't open to the public. There's an empty lot behind North Quad, and they had PG&E park there for multiple weeks. If we opened that up for students, that would be a huge resource for students."

Castillo explained that another goal of the protest was to instate a grace period during move-in weeks, since many students don't receive their parking permits in a timely manner from the school, but are ticketed anyway.

A current academic permit that is valid for the Fall and Spring semesters is worth \$378 for students, but is not valid for parking in the North Quad or Promontory lots. This means that students who live in either building have to pay an additional \$100 to park in their respective lots. "It's robbery...Those passes add up and it seems like the university is trying to take advantage of us," said third-year Donaesha Prestley, who is part of the class who organized the march.

Prestley continued, "[Professor] Rosales taught us that CSU used to be free. So when you think about how much we pay for tuition and then the cost of annual parking passes, it's hard not to get behind the cause."

"As expensive as parking is, it's so limited. And how accessible is it really? Even in our class we have people who have disabilities; think about how far they have to walk just to get to class. It's not fair," said Prestley.

Assistant Professor Christine Rosales explained that "originally, because I don't have to worry about [parking] I didn't really see it as an issue. I only pay \$140 per year and I'm able to find parking because I get here early and stay all day. So in the beginning I had to step back and really listen, and now I see it really is a profound issue. I don't think faculty and staff are aware of how bad it is."

Rosales shared that she is proud of her students for "dreaming big" when it came to this project. "There were moments where some people were like 'Should we really be asking for more?' One thing we talked about is why are we afraid to ask for what we need? Why are we afraid to take up space?" she asked.

Professor Rosales wants the university to know that "the most ethical thing [they] can do is reduce costs for students. If [they're] interested in having more students come to CSUMB, let's make history and be the first university to reduce the cost of parking. It would tell everybody that when students raise concerns, we listen."

"I think the prices are a bit ridiculous, along with all of the tickets students get. It's just unfair," said Alexis Medeiros, a third-year psychology student who happened to pass by the march.

"Our school was originally designed to cater to low income and first-gen students, and the parking situation really doesn't align with CSUMB's original mission," explained Medeiros. "[CSUMB] should care more about students than money."





What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

Otter Chatter By Estrella McDaniel



Sydney HammettSustainable Hospitality Management Fourth-Year

"Do as much as you can and take advantage of being young while having the opportunity to. I know college and work can be exhausting, but you'll never regret getting out and pushing yourself to do something you've always wanted to do."



Katie Montejano Human Development & Family Science

Human Development & Family Science Fourth-Year

"Take every day as a new opportunity to grow and to always be who you are, you are each special and these next four years are just the beginning for you."



Ignacio Maravilla

Humanities and Communication Fourth-Year

"Be patient with yourself, enjoy your journey, and don't rush anything when I say anything I mean anything whether it be your professional life or your friendships. Work is going to come, friendships are going to come, but you'll only get your youth once."

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Alumnus reflects on his time at CSUMB



Story by Andrea Valadez Photos courtesy of Peter Xiong

Peter Xiong's journey at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) has come completely full-circle. Xiong was a student coordinator during his time as a student and he now works with the Otter Cross Cultural Center (OC3) as a program coordinator.

"Program coordinators kind of exist to support student coordinators in implementing their ideas and allowing them to interpret their own position," explained Xiong.

The work that comes out of the OC3 is based on intersectionality, said Xiong.

"Not just culture and ethnicity, but also gender, race and social class. As you kind of go down the line of social identities, we're really doing the work of social justice," he explained.

Xiong is currently working on getting an MFA in creative writing from San Francisco State University, and he is also currently working on his first novel.

As a student, Xiong concentrated his Hoom studies on American multicultural studies. He explained "that was when [his] activism began." As a proud member of the Hmong community, Xiong is passionate about promoting social justice.

Through different mediums such as visual, photography and mostly writing, Xiong often asks himself "what does it mean to be an activist? What are the responsibilities?" His time with the OC3 has helped him start to unravel the answers to these complex questions.

Xiong said that through signature events such as the Social Justice Colloquium and stole ceremonies, the OC3 is able to "honor our heritage and our background and the work that's come before us" by activists of previous generations.

Xiong credits the mentorships he had as a student as a huge reason for his passion for social justice. Through his work, Xiong wants to honor the "staff and professionals at the time who were willing to invest in my journey."

He said that while he still has growth to do, "their willingness to kind of put me on the journey of learning history about myself, activism, social justice, cultural change and social movements" inspired him to do the hard work that is required to call oneself an "activist."

"There's not enough we can do to reward folks for their emotional and physical labor they put into developing the growth of students," shared Xiong.

"As a student, I had a lot to say to improve the life of what it meant to be a student here. There were so many parts of my identity and parts of my friends' experiences that just needed improvement," he said.

For this reason, Xiong is immensely proud of the OC3's affinity graduation program, which provides students from underrepresented communities with more targeted and inclusive graduation ceremonies.

"It began with Latinx and Chicanx students who were organizing to put up their own graduation committees, and then eventually the Black Student Union was able to support their committee to put on their own graduation. And then APIA, which is the Asian Pacific Islanders Association, kind of got together and started to form a community to do the APIA ceremony."

These ceremonies ultimately were created by students "who want to celebrate more of their journey and their identities" in their commencement ceremonies, according to Xiong.

While he has only been back on campus for a few months, Xiong says that he feels "a sense of responsibility to sustain the work that folks might be leaving behind" once they graduate or retire.

When he graduated from CSUMB in 2017, Xiong said that the one thing he wasn't able to prepare himself for was "the day after [graduation] and leaving campus... I think that the day after commencement is truly the day where everyone's journey begins," he explained.

Xiong advised that while "there's a lot of stress and push to have something set up after graduation. If you do, great. If you don't, that's also fine."

He said that the best step to take after graduating from university is "honestly, whatever it takes kind of keep yourself going, whether it's therapy or going on a vacation and traveling or you know, even just giving yourself time to sleep.

"Be gentle with yourself through that process," said Xiong. "Give yourself grace and honor your time."





Entrepreneur and 2023 graduate starting nonprofit art gallery

Story by Max Guerrera Photo courtesey of Libbie Jameson

When Libbie Jameson noticed a lack of recognition for California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) students' creativity, she came up with a business plan tol serve local artists.

Jameson is a business major as well as an entrepreneur. Her experiences at the university have set her up to create the CSUMB Observer, a nonprofit organization that will showcase student artwork.

"There's a lot of talent that goes unnoticed at CSUMB because there isn't a space for it," said Jamieson.

"If you're a painter you could have small exhibitions there. All the art on the walls will be student created" said Jameson. The CSUMB Observer will give opportunities to artists of all mediums from sculptors to musicians. "I want to build an inclusive space," she added.

Jamesons business model takes ethical standards into account so that it can be sufficient and beneficial to the culture of the arts on campus. One of the lessons she values most from her education at CSUMB is the quintuple bottom line, which is the guide to a responsible business. "When you're building a business, there's five points you have to take into account. Yes, profits, planet and people, but also ethics and equity. These factors have

been instilled in me as I'm making sure my business is responsible."

Although there were roadblocks when it came to finding a location, she was able to find a space on 6th Avenue after reaching out to the Institute for Innovation and Economic Development (iiED), which serves students with entrepreneurial ambitions.

The CSUMB Observer will work under 6th Avenue Studios, which is currently being restored and will soon be open for artists to devote their time to shooting videos, podcasting and other creative endeavors.

Jameson is still in the beginning stages of planning her first event, but is looking forward to soft launching with smaller events over the summer. She mentioned exciting ideas for showcases such as galleries and open mic nights.

"If you're a singer but you don't really have a platform, we are planning to advocate for young artists because it's very difficult to build an audience," said Jamieson.

6th Avenue studios is currently building an outdoor stage for an audience of up to 2000 people, and students have a convenient new venue where they can attend shows next year. Performances will be happening further in the future, but students now have a new gallery to look forward to submitting their work or seeking entertainment.



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Brewing a capstone back to life How the Lutrinae's production manager resurrected her stolen capstone

Story by Oscar Daniel Jimenez Iniguez Photos by Haley Graham

On March 11, mere hours before Haley Graham would end up receiving four awards for work she did on the Luntrinae at a journalism conference in San Francisco, the van California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) rented for the team was broken into and robbed.

Among the various expensive items stolen from the van was her iPad, but not just any regular iPad. This iPad contained five weeks' worth of drawings she had done for her capstone project. To her dismay, the project was not backed up onto the cloud.

When she first discovered the van's status, a sense of dread filled her, hoping that her iPad placed under her seat was safe and sound. In the matter of hours of the van being unattended to, the work she tirelessly poured her heart and soul into, was gone forever, lost to the streets of San Francisco.

"I felt like I was feeling everything and nothing all at once. I was honestly in a weird space. I kind of felt numb, but I knew something crazy happened," said Graham. "If you've had something traumatic happen to you, you know the feeling, it was weird but I was feeling just that."

Despite the emotions of the situation rapidly overcoming her, the conference where she was set to receive awards, was still set to happen regardless of the status of the iPad. Determined to receive the awards, she persevered and attended the award ceremony with her editor-in-chief, Arianna Nalbach.

When she returned back to her dorm after the conference, she held on for hope that her project would magically still be on the cloud and signed into her Nalbach's iPad to check. However this was to no avail, it was a lost effort. In the pursuit to get started back on her capstone, she frantically bought a new iPad.

As a communication design major and frequent enjoyer of craft beer and brewery culture, Graham centered her capstone around creating branding and packaging for a fictitious brewery. In the foreseeable future, Graham aspires to eventually become a graphic designer or social media manager for an actual brewery as she has a deep passion for the industry.

Up to the point of the robbery, Graham estimated her capstone was 40% complete. An integral part of her project was an intricately drawn 3D typography in Procreate. When she brought up the robbery and the project's disappearance to her capstone professor, they could only grant her a four-day extension.

With her project due in less than two months, she had to make up for those five weeks of work she had done in a short span of time with only a few days extra. Worried about whether she would be able to finish it on time, she was left with no other choice than to reach out to a mentor on the advice of her capstone professor.

Through Linkedin, she contacted Cory Onken, a CSUMB alumnus who works as the social and digital media manager and brewer at Around The Horn Brewing Company, a brewery Graham regularly frequents. Cory reached out to her quickly and to her surprise, he agreed to mentor her on the project and even did so for free.

After completely restarting her capstone from the ground up and offering Onken a substantial amount to work with, his mentorship and feedback throughout the entire process helped her to improve and strengthen every aspect of the project. For Graham, it was a godsend to have Onken along each step of the way. However, the process of starting back from nothing didn't come without its trials and tribulations.

"It was mentally challenging to redo all of it again because I am a perfectionist and I am hard on myself, and in the pursuit of wanting to be perfect, my mind was telling myself that my project was perfect before and was not going to be the same."

The struggle to aim for perfection is a common struggle for artists and for Graham, it was a matter of her understanding that not everything about her capstone had to be perfect because, in the end, her perfect had always been to overcome what she went through on the night of the robbery.

"Trying to make it the same was hard, but I realized that it doesn't need to be the same. When I was starting it again, I could barely remember what it looked like. For one of the logos that I worked on, I was disappointed in how it turned out, so it at least forced me to redo that one."

With capstone festival approaching soon, Graham hopes for the best possible outcome and feels she has a pretty good shot, yet, she isn't going to include having to start her capstone over again in her presentation as she doesn't want to be pitied but instead, wants her work to be viewed for what it is.

As for her thoughts on San Francisco, well, let's just say that her attitude toward the city won't change anytime in the future.

"I will not be going back to San Francisco until San Francisco gets its sh*t together."

View Graham's entire capstone project on the Communication Design Capstone website: https://sites.google.com/csumb.edu/cdcapstone-sp2023/cd-seniors-spring-2023/haley-graham.









Otters ready for NCAA West Regionals after a successful season

Story by Oscar Daniel Jimenez Iniguez Photo courtesy of Katie Tozier

Following a 13-9 win against California State San Bernardino (CSUSB) in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Championship Tournament conference title game, just hours before CSUSB forced a second game against California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), the Otters are announced the 2023 CCAA Baseball Tournament Champions.

This comes after another successful season for the Otter Baseball team led by head coach Walt White. White, in his 11th full season, was named this year's CCAA Coach of the Year, marking his third time receiving the honors in four seasons. Now with four 30+ win seasons since 2018 under his belt, not including the 2020 and 2021 seasons, cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Along with White historic run, Brady Miguel (#8) earned his second CCAA MVP award, making him the first student-athlete to win the honors for a second consecutive year since the awards inception in 1985.

Miguel, accompanied by second baseman Drew Williams (#20), outfielder Chase Lindemann (#9), and Nico Hartojo (#8) were named to the All-CCAA List as 1st team, with pitcher Ryan Platero (#4) named to the 2nd Team and Catcher/Outfielder JJ Engman (#11), center fielder Kyle Guerra (#7), pitcher Nate Rohlicek (#15), and pitcher Chris Tonna (#18) as honorable mentions.

The Otters will continue their season in the NCAA West Regionals on May 18 at in the first round. For more information on upcoming baseball games, visit otterathletics.com.



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Tears of the Kingdom

Possibly the best Zelda game to date

Story and screenshots by Arianna Nalbach

Fans of the "Legend of Zelda" have eagerly been waiting for the sequel to "Breath of Wild" since it was first teased at the 2019 E3. After years of waiting, "Tears of the Kingdom" finally released on May 12 and it was well worth the wait.

"The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom" takes everything players came to love from "Breath of the Wild," but makes it better. "Breath of the Wild" was already a highly reviewed game and considered by many to be one of the best games ever made.

With "Breath of the Wild" holding a score of 97% on Metacritic, it doesn't seem like there is much room for improvement to be made in "Tears of the Kingdom," yet it has everything we didn't know we were missing out on.

"Tears of the Kingdom" takes place following the events of "Breath of the Wild" and includes many features players came to love from the previous "Zelda" title, just enhanced.

The open-world map of Hyrule is largely the same as it was in the previous game, however it has expanded into the sky with floating islands and areas of the map are looking a little different due to the events in the opening cinematic.

In "Breath of the Wild," Link obtained a few key abilities through the Sheikah Slate to help get through puzzles, traverse the world and take on enemies. Instead of including the same abilities as before, "Tears of the Kingdom" features four new ones: Ultrahand, Fuse, Ascend and Recall.

Link can pick up, move and rotate almost any object with Ultrahand and can attach objects together to create things such as bridges or vehicles. Fuse allows for Link to fuse a large variety of objects to his current weapon, shield or arrow. With Ascend, Link can now phase through solid objects above him and Recall makes objects move backwards through time.

"Tears of the Kingdom" includes a few smaller but nice nonetheless changes compared to the 2017 title, including an overhaul on the inventory, new updates to the stable, a quicker way to drop a weapon when finding a new one in a chest, a revamped cooking system and more.

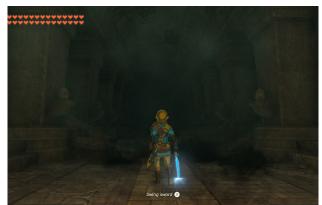
Everything about the "Tears of the Kingdom" is done expertfully and it is clear a lot of love and dedication was put into the game. The music is gorgeous, as always and the art style is the same as it was in "Breath of the Wild," but most of the 3d models appear to have been slightly updated.

"Tears of the Kingdom" feels like a love letter to previous "Zelda" titles and like the more grown-up version compared to the 2017 release of "Breath of the Wild." The overall theming feels darker from the moment you open the game and leans into the scarier aspects of "Zelda" games and it's amazing.

"Tears of the Kingdom" can be purchased for the Nintendo Switch for \$69.99 or the collector's edition can be purchased for \$129.99. While \$70 is definitely expensive for a video game, "The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom" is genuinely worth the price.

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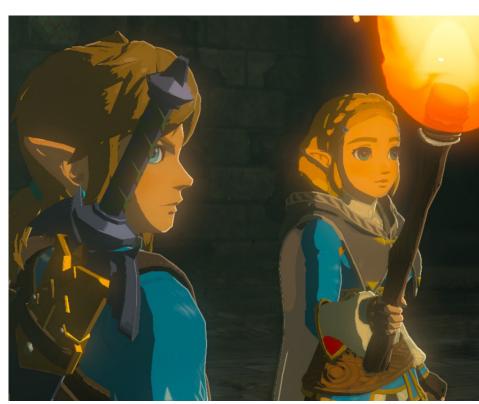












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May Horoscopes



Story by Maxwelle Tartaglia Illustration by Arianna Nalbach

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

After dealing with your own important responsibilities, Aries, you may still find yourself feeling energetic. You may find yourself taking on new projects or pursuing new interests with great enthusiasm. However, be careful not to take on too much at once, as this could lead to burnout. Trust your intuition and take breaks where need be.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

It is Taurus season! This is a great time to focus on your relationships. Your confidence and charisma are amplified during this time, so take the opportunity to create new relationships. Be open and willing to face new experiences.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

This month, you may be feeling especially creative and imaginative. You may find yourself exploring new artistic pursuits or expressing yourself in new and exciting ways. Don't be afraid to think outside the box and embrace your unique perspective.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You may find yourself feeling more sociable than usual, Cancer. It could be nice for you to spend more time with loved ones or make some changes to your living situation. Try to also focus on self-care and relaxation.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Leo, this month you may find yourself feeling more introspective. You may be reflecting on your past experiences and evaluating your future goals. Trust your intuition and use this time to set intentions for the future.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

May is the time to tackle your important responsibilities, Virgo. In Taurus season, you should try to take on some work and try to make smart financial decisions. You may find yourself making progress towards your long-term goals or experiencing a financial windfall. Just be sure to stay grounded and not let money become your sole focus.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

This month, you may find yourself focusing on your relationships and partnerships. In both personal and professional situations, you may be exploring new ways to connect with others and build stronger bonds. This is also a good time to set boundaries and communicate your needs and expectations clearly.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

May is a good time for you to focus on your personal growth and self-improvement. You may find yourself exploring new spiritual or philosophical beliefs or prioritizing self-care and wellness. Take time to not be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try something

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

This month is a time of productivity for you, Sagittarius. You may likely have an important realization about a project you are working on or about yourself and your habits. Consider changing up your daily routine or starting new habits.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

May is a good month for you to focus on your relationships, both romantic and platonic. You may find yourself reconnecting with old friends or deepening your connection with a partner.Be wary of finances during this time as it presents potential financial difficulties.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 19)

Aquarius, this is a time to relax. Taurus season brings peace and comfort for you. This is also a good time to prioritize self-care. You may also find that spending time with loved ones helps you relax and recharge. Trying to connect with others can help you feel grounded and at ease.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20)

May is a good time for you to focus on your emotional well-being. You may find yourself exploring new coping mechanisms or seeking out therapy or counseling. This is also a good time to prioritize self-care and rest.

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Letter from the editor



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Dear Otters,

I would like to start off by saying thank you to all of our readers for your continued support of volume 6 of the Lutrinae.

With the unexpected passing of our former faculty advisor, Sara Gobets, we definitely started out rough but I am immensely proud of everything the Lutrinae team accomplished this year and feel like we made a newspaper she would be proud of. I am thankful for all of the hard work the staff has put into the Lutrinae and especially grateful to Dave Kellogg for stepping into the advisor role.

I joined the Lutrinae team during my first semester at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) as the assistant editor and cannot express how much being a part of this team has meant to me. Being part of the Lutrinae team was the highlight of my time at CSUMB. I've learned so much through my various roles on the staff and I am excited to take everything I've learned and apply it to my career moving forward.

I encourage the people chosen to take on leadership roles for volume 7 to continue to make the Lutrinae the best it can be and give it everything they have to offer. I am excited to see what the future holds for the Lutrinae and I hope future staff members will enjoy their time on this paper as much as I have.

The Lutrinae will be going on hiatus over the summer but will be back with volume 7 at the start of the fall semester. I wish you all the best of luck on finals and hope you have a wonderful break – and to my fellow graduates, congratulations!

Once again, I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of our readers for the continued support. The past four years wouldn't have been the same without the Lutrinae.

Sincerely,

Arianna Nalbach The Lutrinae editor-in-chief



Can you unscramble these end of the year-related words to reveal their true meaning?

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